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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PBOR, TU, GR

SUBJECT: GREEK-TURKISH TENSIONS

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY SECRETARY GENERAL VLACHOS TOLD ME AT LUNCH MAY 23 THAT AFTER MONTHS OF EFFORT HE HAD FINALLY OBTAINED PERMISSION TO ANSWER THE TURKISH NOTE REGARDING THE AEGEAN. GREEK ANSWER IN EFFECT SAYS THAT GREEK GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED TO TALK TO TURKISH GOVERNMENT REGARDING "THE BASIS OF DISCUSSION REGARDING THE AEGEAN." HE THOUGHT THIS WAS REAL PROGRESS.

2. VLACHOS TOLD ME THAT FOREIGN OFFICE OPERATING WITH GREAT DIFFICULTY THESE DAYS. THERE IS A LACK OF CONTACT BETWEEN FOREIGN MINISTER AND PRIME MINISTER. VLACHOS INDICATED FONMIN ONLY ABLE TO SEE PM SEVERAL TIMES A MONTH. ALSO MFA DECISIONS OFTEN OVERRULED. ONE ECAMPLE OF THIS  
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DIFFICULTY OCCURRED SEVERAL MONTHS AGO WHEN MFA DRAFTED AND

TRANSMITTED TO TURKEY PERHAPS AS MANY AS FIFTEEN POINTS  
ENUMERATING OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES  
WHICH COULD USEFULLY BE DISCUSSED. VLACHOS ADDED THAT ONE  
OF THE PROBLEMS WAS THE AEGEAN AND CONTINENTAL SHELF. HE  
THEREFORE FOUND IT STRANGE THAT SOME INDIVIDUALS WITHING  
THE GREEK MILITARY SHOULD NOW QUESTION PROPRIETY OF DISCUSSING  
A MATTER THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN AGREED ON AS ONE OF SUBJECTS  
FOR DISCUSSION WITH TURKISH GOVERNMENT.

3. VLACHOS EMPHASIZED HIS VIEW THAT IT MOST IMPORTANT FOR  
GOG TO NEGOTIATE AND REACH SOME AGREEMENT WITH GOT ON AEGEAN  
ISSUE. I SAID IT WAS MY IMPRESSION THAT IT UNLIKELY OIL  
WOULD BE FOUND IN AREA UNDER DISPUTE, AND THAT IN ANY CASE,  
THERE WAS MUCH ROOM FOR A BROAD ECONOMIC AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES PROVIDING FOR JOINT ENTERPRISE.

4. AGAIN IN THIS REGARD, VLACHOS SAID GOT HAD MADE  
SEVERAL QUOTE REASONABLE UNQUOTE PROPOSALS TO  
AMBASSADOR TZOUNIS DURING LATTER'S MEETINGS WITH TURKISH  
COUNTERPARTS AT UNGA SIXTH SPECAIL SESSION. GOT  
SUGGESTED POSTPONEMENT OF PETROLEUM EXPLORATION IN  
CONTESTED AEGEAN AREA PENDING NEGOTIATIONS. TZOUNIS  
ACCEPTED PROPOSAL ON AD HOC BASIS ONLY TO HAVE GREEK  
MILITARY REJECT SUGGESTION UPON TZOUNIS' RETURN TO  
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